OBSERVATIONS
ON
The single Query

Proposed concerning

The Choice of Parliament-men for the City,

Yesterday diligently delivered to Coffee-houses and elsewhere.

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The Paper delivered.

One serious *Query* to all Electors of Parliament-men.

HAve *your late Members of* Parliament *Betrayed your* Trust, *given away your* Rights *and* Priviledges, stifled *the* PLOT, *or encouraged* Popery? Then change them.

Contrariwise, *If you change them for men of other Tempers, what will* England *believe, but that you design your* Trust *to be betrayed, your* Priviledges *to be* lost, *the* PLOT stifled, Popery encouraged, *and perhaps* Arbitrary Government *by a* Law *established? From all which,* Good Lord deliver us.

IT's observable how diligently a sort of persons do impose upon the freedom of our Choice, and put, by way of Query, which no persons ever charged them with such Treachery.

He might as well have queried, whether our former Members did ever do any such thing, or whether there be not other as honest men in the Citie to serve us, as any of those?

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But if we consider what sort of persons be really fit, we must allow, that persons that be of the Church of *England*, must be preferred before any other.

First, For that they will preserve our Prince, Laws, and established Government, in Church and State; which is the thing we all pretend to court.

Secondly, No factious ambitious person ought to be chosen, for that he hath two designes in it: One to make himself popular, so to be taken off by the Court-party, as now termed, to have his ends that way; or if not, to render things so uneasie to the Publick, as that unless his ends be answered, we must have things run upon his private ends into confusion.

That there be moderate good men in the City, without being tyed up to those particulars, no good Citizen doubts: Therefore let's make choice of such who are neither tainted with Faction, or being ambitious thereof. This will render us Loyal to our King and Country: For in my observation of the Dissolution of the last Parliament, their Dissolution was not for being too hot in persecuting the Plot: for that they might have Tryed the Lords in the Tower if they would, the King gave no stop to it, as ever I heard; neither do I believe the King to be in the Plot, as some factious persons would have it: for that he never declared yet which way he designed to be murdered.

Popery we need not fear in this City; for it's hard to finde four persons of the Livery that are such, or accounted such: So that those persons that make a noise of Popery, I am afraid intend to make another wicked Reformation.

Why should we fear that other persons should more introduce Arbitrary Government, than the last Members? Has the King ever made any shew of any such thing since his happy Restoration? Have not we enjoyed our Estates and Liberties, since he reigned over us? Has he not buried all the injuries done him, in Oblivion? But I'll conclude with the like Prayer:

From any ambitious factious persons, from any person that doth not like the Kings Laws, Religion, and establisht Goovernment,

Good Lord deliver us.

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